

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Page 8, line 1, before claim 1, replace the single word heading CLAIMS with the following heading:

CLAIMS WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A rotary circular pump comprising:  
with

a pump chamber (14), which is adapted to be disposed above a liquid basin, accommodates

a radial impeller (16) with a vertical axis disposed in the pump chamber, and has

an intake connecting piece (24), which is disposed coaxially with the impeller (16), is connected with and adapted to be positioned in the liquid basin, the intake connecting piece including an intake opening, and accommodates

one of:

an inner part of the radial impeller which includes vanes and protrudes axially, which is equipped with vanes (38) and protrudes axially, or a further impeller (40), which is constructed as

an axial impeller (40) in the intake connecting piece

for aspirating the liquid in the an interior region of the pump chamber (14), and with at least one venting channel (32), which leads from the inner interior region of the pump chamber (14) to the an outside and extends along the a side wall of the intake connecting piece (24) up to about the a plane of the intake opening (36) of the intake connecting piece (24), characterized in that at least one said venting channel (32), with its having a lateral opening (31) in the side wall of the intake connecting piece which (24), opens essentially in a the radial direction to the pump chamber (14).

2. (Currently Amended) The rotary pump of claim 1, wherein characterized in that the at least one venting channels (32) extend channel includes an upper end which extends essentially perpendicularly to the at least one venting channel and open opens laterally at their upper end.

3. (Currently Amended) The rotary pump of claim 2, wherein characterized in that the at least one venting channel is channels (32) are incised at its their upper end by a milling-out procedure (42), concentric with the intake connecting piece (24) and forming the lateral openings (31).

4. (Currently Amended) The rotary pump of claim 1, wherein  
~~characterized in that the at least one venting channel extends~~  
~~channels extend at an angle, especially in the form of an~~  
inverted L.

5. (Currently Amended) The rotary pump of claim 1, wherein  
~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the axial~~  
impeller {40} is formed in one piece with the radial impeller  
{16}.

6. (Currently Amended) The rotary pump of claim 1,  
wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the at  
least one venting channel is channels {32} are formed in the side  
wall of the intake connecting piece {24}.

7. (New) The rotary pump of claim 2, wherein the axial  
impeller is formed in one piece with the radial impeller.

8. (New) The rotary pump of claim 3, wherein the axial  
impeller is formed in one piece with the radial impeller.

9. (New) The rotary pump of claim 4, wherein the axial  
impeller is formed in one piece with the radial impeller.

10. (New) The rotary pump of claim 2, wherein the at least one venting channel is formed in the side wall of the intake connecting piece.

11. (New) The rotary pump of claim 3, wherein the at least one venting channel is formed in the side wall of the intake connecting piece.

12. (New) The rotary pump of claim 4, wherein the at least one venting channel is formed in the side wall of the intake connecting piece.

13. (New) The rotary pump of claim 5, wherein the at least one venting channel is formed in the side wall of the intake connecting piece.